

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 639

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the accomplishments of the Bank of Bartlett as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those dynamic financial institutions whose contributions have been so important to the economic life of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding financial institution is the Bank of Bartlett, organized by local investors and opened for business on May 19, 1980; the Bank of Bartlett has grown rapidly to become the largest “community bank” in the Memphis market, and the 17th largest bank in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bartlett Mortgage, a subsidiary opened in 1983, has consistently ranked between 3rd and 5th in dollar volume of mortgages originated annually; Bartlett Travel, another subsidiary opened in 1987, provides an array of leisure and business travel opportunities for its customers; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Bank of Bartlett began a joint venture with Primevest, a division of ING, to offer brokerage investments, life insurance and estate planning guidance; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years of its growth, the Bank of Bartlett has strived to maintain friendly and responsive customer service, assuring that its patrons always felt “at home”; its growing distribution network for its wide array of products and services have extended its excellent service level; and

WHEREAS, as Bartlett grew from a low-key community to a vibrant suburb in one of the most affluent parts of the Memphis area, the Bank of Bartlett expanded to create a network of seven branches in key Memphis submarkets; Bartlett Mortgage is located in six of the seven branches and has its own headquarters building in Bartlett. Bartlett Travel operates within the

Wolfchase Branch and Primevest operates in the Main Office, the Wolfchase Branch and the Kirby Branch; and

WHEREAS, full banking services are available 24 hours a day through the Internet and the bank has extended its ATM distribution to three locations in addition to the branch ATMs; some banking transactions and all account information is available 24 hours a day through FastCheck, the Bank's voice activated telephonic banking system; and

WHEREAS; Robert C. Byrd is a founder and Chairman of the Bank of Bartlett and Bartlett Mortgage and serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Bank; Dan R. Byrd is also a founder of the bank of Bartlett and Bartlett Mortgage and holds the positions of Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Chief Operating Officer; Harold W. Byrd is a founder and Vice Chairman and President of the Bank of Bartlett; and John W. Byrd is a founder of the Bank of Bartlett and Bartlett Mortgage, and is President and Chief Executive Officer of Bartlett Mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the four Byrd brothers are Bank Directors along with Veronica Coleman-Davis, David Porter and Patrick Lawler; while not serving on the board, Byrd sibling James Byrd, Mrs. Jo Tucker and Mrs. Sarah Brush are also co-founders, and are now joined by 125 other investors; and

WHEREAS, as it celebrates its 25th anniversary, the Bank of Bartlett continues to be guided by its vision of fulfilling its customers' financial needs and assisting them in the realization of their dreams. It has remained true to its mission of helping its customers achieve financial success and security, creating an employment environment that develops, challenges, motivates and rewards, and making the communities it serves better places to live and has adhered to its core beliefs of stewardship, enthusiasm, responsiveness, values, integrity, customer and excellence; and

WHEREAS, as the officers, directors, employees and the clientele of the Bank of Bartlett prepare to celebrate the bank's 25th anniversary of service to its community and the Memphis area, the members of this General Assembly wish to seize this opportunity to commend and specially recognize this dynamic financial institution and outstanding corporate citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the Directors, officers and staff of the Bank of Bartlett and its subsidiaries as they celebrate 25 years of outstanding financial service to the Community of Bartlett and the Memphis area, commend them for their many contributions to their community and region, and offer them our best wishes for much success and satisfaction in all their future endeavors as they continue to grow with their community and clientele.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.